

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A method of organizing a desktop, comprising:
opening a first space between a first vane and a plate, the first vane being attached to the plate at a first end of the first vane;
placing a file on the plate;
disposing the first vane over the file; and
extending a band over the first vane, the band being attached to the plate at one end.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first vane is one of a plurality of vanes, the method further including:
opening a space between two adjacent vanes of the plurality of vanes, each of the two adjacent vanes being attached to the plate at one of each of the plurality of vane's ends;
placing a second file in between the two adjacent vanes; and
sandwiching the file between the two adjacent vanes.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, the plate further including an opening with a catch, the method further including:
securing the band on the catch.
4. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising elongating the band, the band being elastic.
5. (currently amended) A desktop file organizer, comprising:
a plate ~~with a first end and a second end~~;
a plurality of vanes, each vane being attached at a respective first end to the plate, the plate including a first side and a second side, the first side being separated from the second side by the plurality of vanes; and
a band attached to ~~the second end of the plate~~ on the first side; and ~~configured to secure the vanes against the plate~~
a catch on the plate on the second side;
wherein the vanes are securable against the plate by disposing the band across the vanes and on the catch.

6. (currently amended) The organizer of claim 5, wherein the vanes are flexible and ~~secured to the plate.~~

7. (currently amended) The organizer of claim 6, ~~wherein the plurality of vanes are disposed between the first end and the second end of the plate, and the plate further including an opening, the catch being disposed in the plate and a catch in the opening at the first end in the plate.~~

8. (currently amended) The organizer of claim 7, the band further including two ends, ~~the ends being attached to the second end in the plate,~~ the vanes being in between the ends of the elastic band and the opening in the plate.

9. (original) The organizer of claim 8, the band being elastic, wherein the catch is configured to engage the elastic band such that when the elastic band is disposed over the catch, the elastic band remains in a stretched configuration over the plurality of vanes.

10. (original) The organizer of claim 9, wherein the portion of the elastic band disposed on the catch is reinforced with a stiff material.

11. (original) The organizer of claim 10, wherein the elastic band is reinforced with a metal tube.

12. (original) The organizer of claim 5, wherein the plate includes at least one slot for each vane.

13. (original) The organizer of claim 12, wherein the vanes each include a tongue configured to resist rotation about the slots.

14. (original) The organizer of claim 13, wherein each vane has at least one tab on one end configured to be inserted into the at least one slot.

15. (original) The organizer of claim 14, further including a plurality of slots on the plate along the length of the plate.

16. (original) The organizer of claim 14, wherein the plurality of slots are spaced at approximately one inch intervals.

17. (original) The organizer of claim 14, wherein each vane has two tabs.

18. (original) A filing system comprising:
a plate with a first end and a second end, the plate including an opening in the first end and a pair of openings in the second end;
a plurality of slots disposed in the plate; and
a plurality of vanes, each vane including a tab, the tab of each vane disposed within a corresponding slot and connected to the plate, the vanes being disposed between the opening in the first end of the plate, and the pair of openings in the second end of the plate.

19. (original) The filing system of claim 18, further including:
a band with two ends, the two ends of the band being disposed in the pair of openings in the second end of the plate;
the opening of the first end of the plate including a catch, the band being adapted to be disposed over the catch in the opening in the first end of the plate to constrain the plurality of vanes against each other and the plate.

20. (original) The filing system of claim 19, wherein the band is elastic.

21. (original) The filing system of claim 18, each vane further comprising a tongue disposed adjacent the tab, the tongue being adapted to constrain the vane against rotation.

22. (original) A desktop filing organizer, comprising:
a plate, including a first end, a second end, and a fold line; and
a plurality of vanes, each vane attached at a respective first end to the plate, the vanes disposed between the first end and the fold line.

23. (original) The organizer of claim 22, the plate further comprising a first section and a second section, the plate being configured to be folded about the fold line such that the first section overlies the second section, the plurality of vanes being in between the first section and the second section.

24. (currently amended) A desktop filing organizer, comprising:
a plate;
a vane extending from the plate for securing a file to the plate; and
a band attached to the plate at one end and disposed across the vane and file.
~~means for securing the vane and the file to the plate.~~

25. (canceled).

26. (currently amended) A desktop filing organizer, comprising:
~~The desktop filing organizer of claim 24, the plate~~
a plate including a first section and a second section separated from the first section by a fold line; and[[,]]
a vane extending from the plate for securing a file to the plate;
wherein the vane and file are secured to the plate when ~~the means including the~~
second section is ~~when~~ folded over the first section and vane.

27. (original) A file organizer and carrying case, comprising:
a plate with a first end and a second end, and a handle disposed in the first end; and
a plurality of vanes each attached at one end to the plate and adapted to store at least one file in between each vane such that the organizer may be disposed in a first location in a file organizing position in which the organizer is placed in a horizontal position on top of a work space, and a vertical carrying position in which the organizer is adapted to be carried via the handle to a second location.

28. (original) The organizer of claim 27, further including a means for securing the vanes and the file to the plate.

29. (original) The organizer of claim 28, the means comprising a band attached at the second end of the plate and hooked over a catch in the handle.

30. (original) The organizer of claim 28, the plate including a first portion and a second portion separated from the first portion by a fold line, the means including the second section when folded over the first section.

31. (original) A method of organizing a filing system, including:
opening a space between a vane and a plate, the vane being attached at one end to the plate, the plate being disposed horizontally in a first location and including a handle;
placing a file on the plate;
disposing the vane over the file;
extending a band over the vane, the band being attached to the plate at one end;
hooking the band over a catch in the plate; and
transporting the plate from the first location to a second location, the plate being transported in a vertical orientation.

32. (new) A desktop filing system, comprising:
a plate with a top side and a bottom side and a pair of slots extending through the plate from the top side to the bottom side;
a vane with a first end and a second end, wherein the vane includes first and second tabs and a tongue extending from the second end, the tongue being between the first and second tabs;
wherein the vane is generally disposed on the top side of the plate, the first and second tabs extend through the slots to the bottom side of the plate, and the tongue is on the top side of the plate, wherein the tongue restricts the vane from rotating about an axis defined by the slots.

33. (new) The desktop filing system of claim 32, wherein the first and second tabs are attached to the bottom side of the plate.